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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2009.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 02/10/2009, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Davies. See the new rejection below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claim 1** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by WO Publication 02/089479 to Davies (hereafter referenced as Davies).

Regarding **claim 1**, “a method for providing television services from a head-end to subscriber premises” reads on an audio/video content device with a storage unit (PVR) that receives and stores television content (abstract and pg.7, lines 1-8) disclosed by Davies and represented in Fig. 2 (element 140).

As to “method comprising the steps of: receiving by a first subscriber terminal via a first transmission link that is coupled to the first subscriber terminal,

a first television service that was transmitted from the head-end" Davies discloses (pg.12, lines 3-20) that the PVR receives broadcast signals from an head-end as represented in Fig. 4 (element 435).

As to "transmitting system information data specifying attributes of at least one local television channel to a second subscriber terminal coupled to the first subscriber terminal via a second transmission link, wherein the at least one local television channel has a frequency that is unused on the first transmission link by the head-end" Davies discloses (pg.32, lines 3-16) that the PVR transmits broadcast signal to STB using an out of band frequency. Davies further discloses (pg.26, line 22-pg.27, line 5) that the control data (EPG) is transmitted to a STB using out of band frequency as represented in Fig. 5.

As to "transmitting the first television service by the first subscriber terminal, on one of the at least one local television channel via the second transmission link, to the second subscriber terminal that is located at the subscriber premises" Davies discloses (pg.32, lines 1-16) that the PVR communicates broadcast signals, received and stored in storage unit of PVR, to STB using an out of band communications path as presented in Fig. 4.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PINKAL CHOKSHI whose telephone number is (571)

270-3317. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 - 5 pm (Alt. Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Pendleton can be reached on 571-272-7527. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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